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Dr. George Engelmann
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Dear Sir

Your kind letter duly received. I am sorry you think you cannot add anything to what you have already written on the classification of the grape to make a new paper justifiable. I have sent a copy to President Wilder of our Society suggesting that he ought to have it in our next report and will ask the favor, if I can from him, gratuitously, if you received a copy

at least.

I wish that an botanists would tell us also so far as is possible the origin of our apples. We have in cultivation as you know the common apple which we call as an assumed species, I suppose, Pyrus Malus. Then we have our so called Siberian Crabs classed by Gray as prunifolia. But some of the manapparently hybrids between Malus and prunifolia. We have also a class of apples called Russian apples which are still different but apparently nearer the Siberian. such as the Red Astrachan Tetofsky and Duchess of Oldenburg. They have peculiar foliage and a bloom upon the fruit

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Now if we knew as much of the wild species of the apple as we now do of the American grape it would I believe throw a good deal of light on some practical questions. and on such facts as the following:

The common apple as a graft does not "take" well on a Siberian stock

The Siberian crab leaves out and blows some days earlier than a common apple "dare to" in this climate

The Siberian Crab is a good deal hardier in enduring Wisconsin and Minnesota winters

All this implies two or

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or three different original species from which our cultivated apple is derived and I get no satisfactory solution or suggestion from London. De Candolle or other botanists works to which I have access.

I will not trouble you to answer this but I hope you will.

Yours truly

A. C. Flagg

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Dr Geo Engelmann
St Louis
Mo.

Dear Sir

I have engaged with Mr Chambers of St Louis to organize a board of Editors & Contributors and furnish the literary matter of an Encyclopaedia of American Agriculture of 1200 to 1400 pages royal octavo.

I write to ask you to furnish us an article on the classification of American Grapes, similar to that contained in Mr Bush's Catalogue with such modifications as you judge to be desirable.

We pay $10 per page of 1600 words, but this does not become due until the publication of the work and the commencement of the sale, which I presume will be something over a year from the present time.

I shall ask Mr Husman to furnish further articles on the subject of Grapes & Wine-making.

Should you feel disposed to favor us please let me know, & I will enter into

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Moro, Illinois, Oct 25th 1877

Dr Geo Engelmann
St Louis
Mo. Dear Sir

Yours of 23rd received. I am glad to learn that you are willing if possible to furnish us an article on the Classification of the American Grape. If you can let us have it by the 1st of April next, it will be soon enough.

Should it be practicable for you to do it by that time I should be glad to know it.

Truly Yours.

W. C. Flagg

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